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PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
Recommendation

SR-91-92-123 (PFPC)

That a uniform policy of locking campus classroom/faculty office buildings at 9:30 p.m. MTWTh and 5:30 p.m. F during the Fall and Spring semesters and that those buildings be locked at 5:30 p.m. between sessions and during the summer sessions be approved. Specific exceptions can be granted by the Vice President for Administration upon request by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

RATIONALE: See the attached memo from the safety advisory committee. Faculty and students with business to conduct in the buildings can still work at anytime in the buildings.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

APPROVED
BY SENATE:

Robert Saurey

DATE: *5-14-92*

DISAPPROVED
BY SENATE:

DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED:

[Signature]

DATE: *5-14-92*

DISAPPROVED:

DATE: _____

COMMENTS:

Amended on the Senate floor.

SR-91-92-123 (PFPC)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Edward Grose, VP Administration

FROM: Steve Hensley, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs
Chair, Safety Advisory Committee

DATE: 30-April-92

SUBJ: Access to campus buildings



On April 22, 1992 the Safety Advisory Committee convened for the first time. This committee was created at the request of President Gilley, who recognized the need for a high level of awareness of safety issues throughout the campus community.

One area of immediate concern addressed by the committee was the need to secure campus facilities after the close of regular business each day. Recent events of vandalism, theft, and criminal trespass in some of the campus buildings have brought attention to this problem. The potential for loss of or damage to property alone would certainly be adequate reason to insure that the doors are locked and that unrestricted public access is prevented. In addition to property, however, these events have created an environment of fear among the custodial staff who work in the buildings long after most faculty and students have left. Our custodial staff should not be put in a position of having to confront intruders to the buildings.

Another consideration in the committee's deliberations was the newly enacted "Federal Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act", which requires institutions to have a written policy on campus facilities access.

Thus the Safety Advisory Committee considered and unanimously passed a resolution to begin the process of establishing a uniform policy of locking campus buildings. The "public" nature of some buildings, such as the Student Center and Henderson Center, versus the private nature of a classroom/faculty office building, means that such a policy would necessarily be flexible. However, it is the judgment of the Safety Advisory Committee that every campus building be locked to prevent unauthorized public access after 10:00 p.m. each regular business day.